SHRI R. K. DHAWAN: Sir, the Sion. Minister has just now mentioned that the quality of water and its contamination is tested from time to time. I want to know from her through you, whether there is any system to cheek the choked drains and the leaking pipes in various lanes and by-lanes which continue for days and days and the NDMC just does not bother about it and the contamination takes place. There was a news item in "The Hindustan Times" "Garbage there for all to see The way the NDMC is Just ignoring the removal of the garbage, the contamination is mostly due to that. What is the remedy and what is the action being taken in this regard?

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Sir, I think, it will be a great help to us if the people around the area report to us. That is the only way. *{Interruptions).*

SHRl R. K. DHAWAN: I can give the example of my Golf Links. I have lodged complaints with the NDMC for days together that this particular pipe is leaking this drainage is choked. Not only that, if the carpeting of the road is done you will be surprised and shocked to know that they do it in 10 metres, then leave 20 metres, then again do it in 20 metres and then leave another 20 metres and so on. I myself rang up the NDMC Control Room twenty times to remove the garbage which has been there for days and days but of no avail. What is the action for that?

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: I shall see to it.

MR. CHAIRMAN: See that garbage is removed.

SHRI R. K. DHAWAN: The Administrator of the NDMC feels he is the emperor of New Delhi. He doesn't bother about anybody.. . *(Interruptions).*

SHRI DINESHBHAI TRIVEDI: Sir, we keep on complaining but nobody bothers. If you go to my house, you will find that the water is just flowing. Nobody is there to take care. Nobody is taking anything seriously.

MR. CHAIRMAN: She will take special care of Members of Parliament.

Railway electrification in Andhra Pradesh

*104. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the proposals for railway electrification in Andhra Pradesh pending for clearance with Government; and

(b) the details of the railway electrification work under progress in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Nil.

(b) Electrifications of Kazipet-Sanatnagar (143 RKMs) and Patchur-Bisanat-tam (30 RKMs) sections in Andhra Pradesh are in progress.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Sir there is a feeling among the people Of Andhra Pradesh that the Railway Ministry is showing discrimination in allocating funds for electrification projects. Sir, the Madras-Howran line is a trunk line, running through the length of these ports. There is a congestion on this lino due to increase in traffic. The electrification between Madras and Vijayawada was over. Now, I would like to know from the Minister whether the electrification of Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam section will be taken up. Sir, Visakhapatnam is now becoming highly industrialised. Steel plant is coming up there. A number of other industries are there. The traffic between Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam is increasing day by day. Therefore, I would like to know from the Minister whether he will assure this House that the electrification from Vijayawada to Visakhapatnam will be taken up in the next year.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: Sir, at the present moment, there is no proposal to

take up electrification programme between Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Put your second supplementary. Don't be diverted.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Sir since the Minister is not prepared to give an assurance in this House about the electrification of Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam, as a protest, I am not putting my second supplementary.

SHRI P. UPENDRA: Sir, despite the proclaimed policy of the Railways to go in for increasing electrification, we find that they are giving less and less importance to railway electrification. In the present Budget they allocated Rs. 2351 crores, just a few lakhs less than that of last year. As regards the target in 1990-91, 831 route kms. were electrified and in this year's Budget the target Is 675 kms. In the last 40 years we could electrify only 10,000 route kms out of over 62,000 route kms. That is the progress that our Railways are making in regard to railway electrification. As regards Andhra Pradesh-the question relates particularly to Andhra Pradesh-the Minister's answer is quite unsatisfactory because the only two trunk routes which are left unelectrified these days are Mad-aras-Calcutta and Madras-Bombay. The rest have been completed. All these routes—Delhi to Bombay, Delhi to Calcutta, Delhi to Madrass - have been completed. Why are the Railways not taking up electrification of these two remaining routes which are already saturated? Sir, it is incidental that these routes pass through Andhra Pradesh. T am not satisfied with this. Of course Andhra Pradesh will be benefited by electrification of these routes. These are important public routes and the Railway Minister should give priority to these routes.

As regards part (b) of the question, the Gantur-Vijayawada-Tenali triangular section has been electrified and there is a lot of heavy suburban traffic on this route. Will the Minister consider introducing New trains on this triangular section and also in the twin cities of Hyderabad-Secunderabad. I would like to know whether he will introduce EMC trains on this route.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: Sir, I totally appreciate the agony of the hon. Member to go in for _____

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have shared it also.

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: Yes, I share it. I appreciate his concern for rapid electrification of the Indian Railways. However, constraint of funds is one of the factors and we have to proceed according to the plan.

As regards the first part of the question, a committee was constituted by the Planning Commission in 1989 and the Planning Commission itself has come to the conclusion that about 2,510 kms should be electrified between 1990-2005. And that is how the Planning Commission is keeping the resource position in view while coming to any conclusion. For that reason I am also interested in getting, a part from the trunk routes, the other routes electrified. But this is the main basic factor, Sir. That is how I have to say: between Vijaywada and Visakhapatnam, not at the moment.

So far as the other part of the question is concerned Vijaywada-Guntur-Tenali triangular section is electrified, but new trains cannot be introduced at this moment on this route, on the trunk routes and on other routes also because of pan-city of production of EMUs.

SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO: Sir, I would like to know from the Minister whether the South Central Railway Division has recommended such a project to be taken up between Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada because a recent announcement from the South Central Railway Division was there that they were prepared to undertake this electrification from Vijayawada to Visakhapatnam. I would like to know what response comes from the Centre.

SHRl MALLIKARJUN: So far as this project is concerned, a lot of exercise has been done in Andhra Pradesh in different routes. Apart from Andhra Pradesh, it has been done in other States also. As the position today is, there is no such proposal before the Government to undertake immediate electrification between Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam. Of course, we also feel from Calcutta to Kharagpur it is electrified and it is a very important place. In future as and when the resource position becomes clearer and clearer, we will consider it.

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: That is the standard answer given by all tht Ministers.

Pending irrigation projects fo Andhra Pradesh

105. SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made in regard to Jurela, Vamsadhar Stage II, and Janhavatti irrigation projects proposed by Andhra Pradesh Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that these projects are *Kept* pending and would be taken up during the Eighth Plan period; and

(c) if so, by when these projects are likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRl VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) Jurela Project has been found acceptable by the Advisory Committee subject to state Government obtaining clearance from environmental angle and clearance from State Finance (Department and Planning) Department. On Vamsadhara Stage II, the State Government is required to obtain environment and forest clearance. Also a joint team has to visit the site to decide the necessity of hydraulic model studies 40 that the inter-State issue about the Submergence of area from Orissa is resolved. For Jhanjavati Project the State Government is required to submit the revised project report.

(b) The State Government has inclu ded these projects in their Eight Plan document.

(c) The State Government will be able to undertake these projects after securing the required clearances including the in vestment clearance from the planning Commission.

SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY: Sir, if the State Government is not getting clearance from your Finance Ministry, how could you apply to the Central Government to get its clearance?

SHRl VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA Obviously the came up to the Central Government for technical clearance from the irrigation point of view. Unless they get this clearance and the clearance is submitted to us, we cannot proceed in this matter.

DR. YELAMANCHILI (SHIVAJI: When Rajiv Gandhi was the Prime Minister, both, the then Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri N. T. Rama Rao and the then Orissa Chief Minister came to an understanding and they together went to the Prime Minister stating that there was no dispute as far as the Vam-sia4hra Stage-II is Concerned between these two States. Then it was reported that the then Prime Minister told, all right, it is accepted. It is done." But so far no action has been taken to execute the assurance offered by the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. What steps have been taken by the Government to see that it is cleared?

SHRl VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA Sir the comments of the Orissa Government are not on the record. Nor has ft been provided to us by the Andhra Pradesh Government. As soon as that is provided we shall take further action *(Interruptions)...*

SHRI P. UPENDRA The comments of the Orissa Government were supplied. There was an arrangement between the two Chief Ministers. The draft agreement is already there and only the signatures are to be affixed At that stage the matter was stopped. How can yon